



# *Pheasantland* **INDUSTRIES**

**Newsletter**  
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## Charities Edition

A large part of Pheasantland Industries is our charitable work. Several of our shops are strictly in the business of producing products that are strictly for donation. These shops maximize what Pheasantland Industries accomplishes in prisons through out the state. We are employing offenders and teaching them work skills and trade skills. The products of their work are going to non-profit and government agencies so that they can carry out their roles in the community in a more cost effective manner. This month's newsletter highlights the stories of these PI shops.



The Wheelchair Shop, operated by Hope Haven International, is the largest of these shops employing 65 workers on average. These wheelchairs are mainly old donated wheelchairs that are torn apart and refurbished all the way down to the bearings. They are rebuilt and reupholstered to new condition. Since there is always a large need for juvenile wheelchairs that cannot be met with strictly donated chairs, new chairs are fabricated to meet the needs of children. None of these chairs are sold; all of them are donated to disabled people in third world countries. Hope Haven delivers the chairs and returns with pictures and stories of the adults and children who can now have a chance at mobility that they otherwise could not have enjoyed. Over 1,000 refurbished chairs and nearly 500 new chairs were produced in the shop last year. Wheel chairs donations can be made at 521 N. Kiwanis, Sioux Falls, SD. (605) 332-8300

The Stocking Hat Shop works year-round knitting stocking hats for both adult and children. Over 1,375 hats were produced and distributed throughout the state last year. Much of the yarn is discontinued colors and roll ends donated by XRX Inc. St. Dysmas Church, the Lutheran Church for offenders inside the penitentiary, has also become a dependable supplier of yarn through their contacts in the community. Yarn donations can be made at the address below.




Wooden toys of all kinds are produced in the Woodworking shops. Over 5,000 toys were distributed through the state last year. Two separate groups have taken toys to Haiti on their missionary trips. Donated clean dimension lumber scraps are helpful in producing these toys. Wood donations can be made at the address below.



**Fleece mitten** production recently began at the Garment Shop at MDSP. Roll ends from fleece blanket material are being transformed into mittens ready to be sent to charities in the fall of 2010

**Partners in these charitable ventures are always welcome.**

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